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REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1, 11, 14 and 24 have been amended by removing the term "solely". Applicant submits that no new matter and no new issues are introduced by the amendments, and entry of the amendment is requested. Claims 1-37 remain pending upon entry of the amendment in this application, with claims 1, 11, 14 and 24 being in independent form.

Claims 1, 11, 14 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite. Claims 9, 12, 22 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite.

In response, claims 1, 11, 14 and 24 have been amended by removing the term "solely". It is submitted that the claim terms "... triggered to output the communication result notification by a condition that the specific destination identifying section finds the corresponding destination name in the specific destination name storage section" is shown by step 103, "YES", in Fig. 2 of the present application.

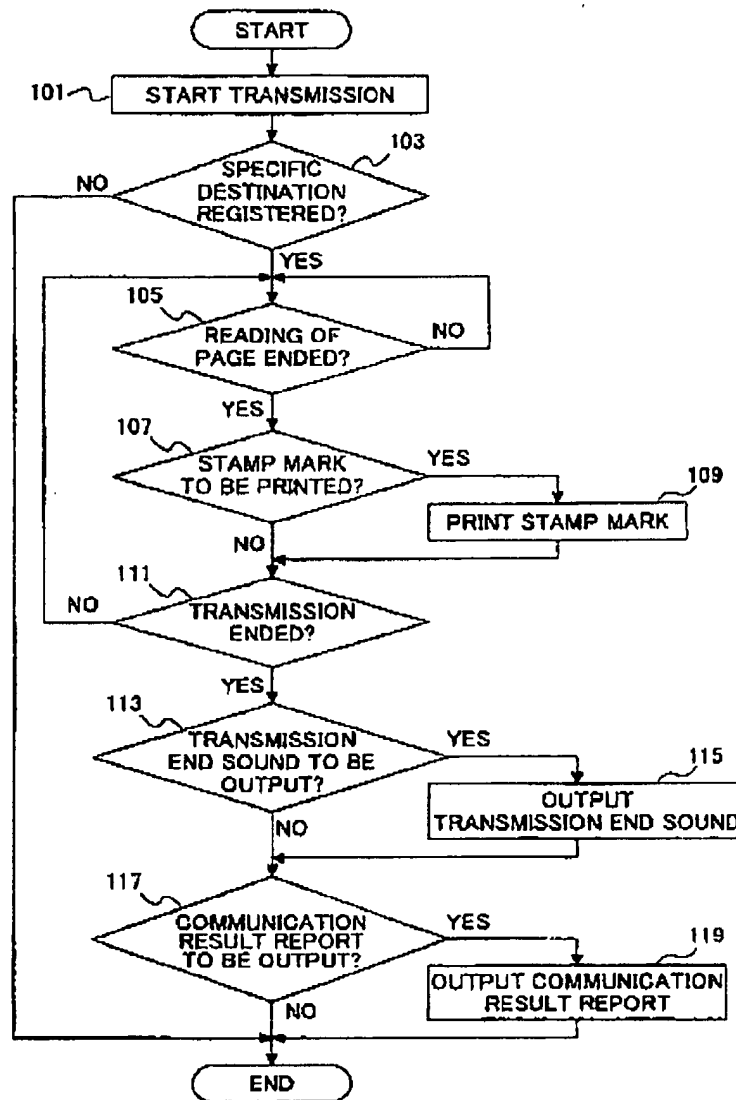
Regarding the rejection of claims 9, 12, 22 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, it is contended in the Office Action that according to Fig. 2 of the present application, the printing of the stamp mark, occurs before the transmission ends and not after the transmission ends. Such contention is based on the erroneous premise that step 111 in Fig. 2 represents ending of the transmission.

However, step 111 in Fig. 2 (reproduced below; see also paragraph [0040]: "step 111 decides whether or not the facsimile transmission has ended ...") of the present application represents a step of determining whether the transmission has ended. The process reverts to step 105 if the determination is "NO", or proceeds to step 113 if the determination is "YES".

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FIG.2



Stated another way, the stamp mark may be printed either before or after the transmission actually has ended. Further, see paragraph [0026] of the present application "... The printed stamp mark on the document indicates that the document has been scanned or, has been scanned and transmitted to the specific destination. ..."

Accordingly, applicant maintains that claims 9, 12, 22 and 32 are supportable by Fig. 2 of

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the present application.

Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 9, 11, 14-19, 22, 24-29, 32 and 34-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly unpatentable over Cairo (US 5,809,116) in view of Tanimoto (US 2003/0020960 A1) and further in view of Chen (US 2002/0094076 A1). Claims 7, 8, 10, 13, 20, 21, 23, 30, 31 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly unpatentable over Tanimoto in view of Tanimoto and Chen and further in view of Bloomfield (US 6,025,931).

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is allowable over the cited art, for at least the reason that the cited art, as discussed and as Examiner Pachol and SPE Chan Park agreed in the February 19, 2009 telephone interview, does not disclose or suggest the aspects of the present application of triggered to output a communication result notification (indicative of a result of a facsimile transmission to a receiving end), by a condition that the corresponding destination name of the receiving end is found in the specific destination name storage section (storing destination names of specific destinations).

It is contended that such aspect is disclosed or suggested in Tanimoto, more specifically, in Fig. 11 and at paragraph [0089] of Tanimoto. Applicant disagrees, for the reasons previously pointed out during the February 19, 2009 telephone interview with Examiner Pachol and SPE Chan Park, as well as in the record. Some of those reasons are highlighted below.

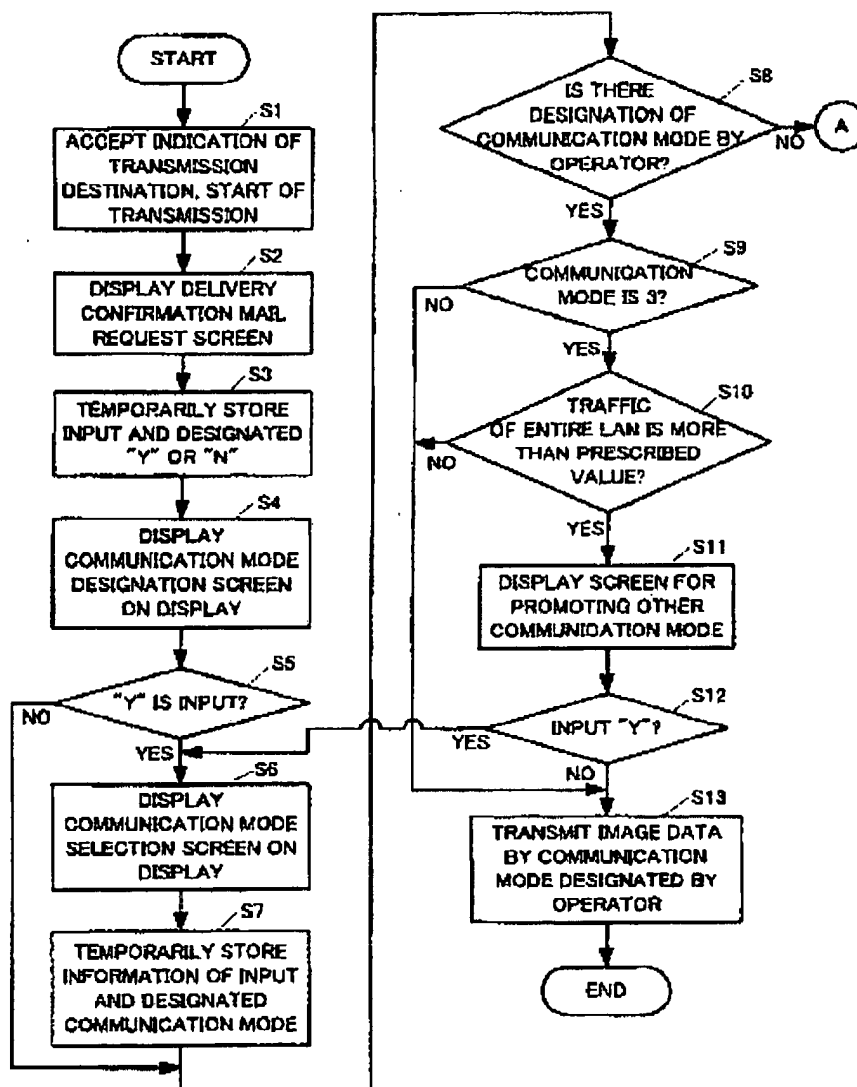
Tanimoto, as understood by applicant, proposes an approach for controlling operations of an Internet facsimile apparatus. Fig. 11 of Tanimoto which was cited in the Office Action shows one part of the operations, with Fig. 10 (reproduced below) of Tanimoto showing another part, when the Internet facsimile apparatus, as a transmitting side, transmits image data to a specified

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destination.

FIG. 10



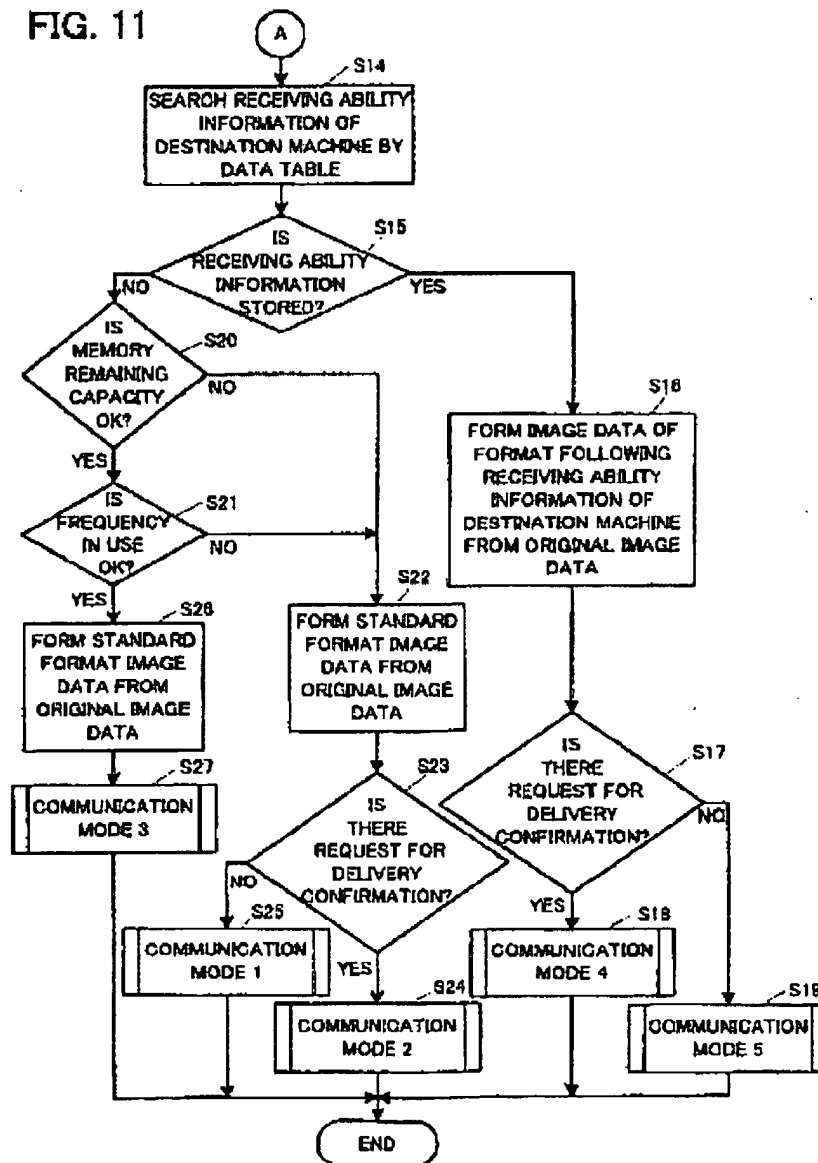
As shown in Fig. 10, the user of the Internet facsimile apparatus as the transmitting side in Tanimoto is allowed, upon user indication of a transmission destination (step S1 in Fig. 10), to select whether a delivery confirmation request will be transmitted to the destination (step S2 in Fig. 10) and designate a communication mode (step S4 in Fig. 10). If the user does NOT

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designate a communication mode (step S8, NO, in Fig. 10), the machine shifts to the flow shown in Fig. 11 (reproduced below) of Tanimoto and will determine quality of image data transmission to be performed, by consulting with receiving ability column of data table T1 (see Fig. 2 of Tanimoto), maintained by the Internet facsimile apparatus as the transmitting side, with respect to transmission destination (step S14 in Fig. 11).

FIG. 11



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However, the machine in Tanimoto determines whether to transmit a delivery confirmation request in accordance with user designation via the delivery confirmation mail request screen (Fig. 15a), and if the user specified that such request is to be sent, the receiving end is requested to output the delivery confirmation message, as clearly evident in Fig. 3 (reproduced below) of Tanimoto.

FIG. 3(a)

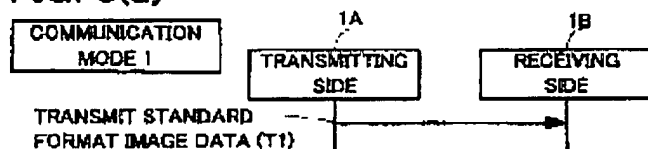


FIG. 3(b)

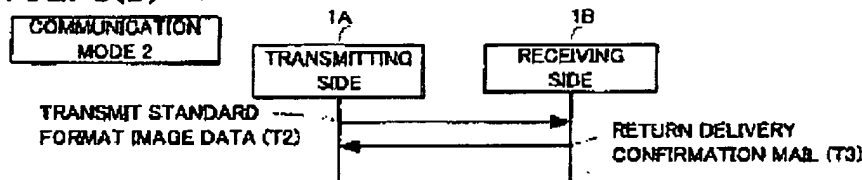


FIG. 3(c)

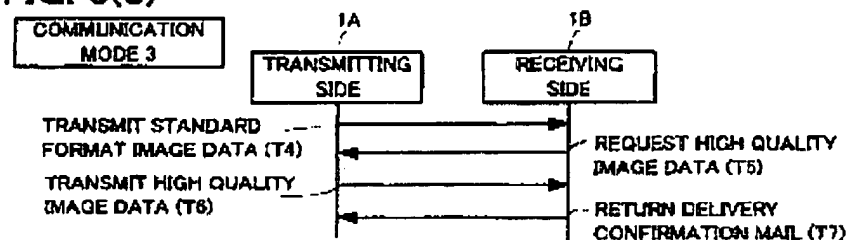


FIG. 3(d)

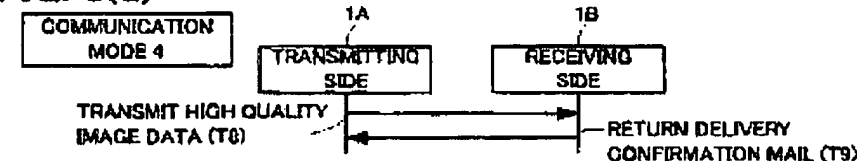
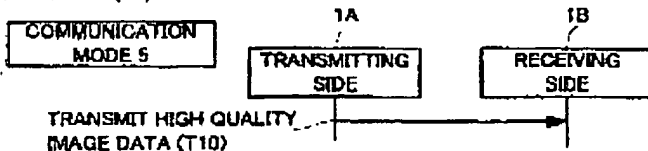


FIG. 3(e)



Further, it is contended in the Office Action that at least in some instances, the delivery

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confirmation message is output only when the destination name (or receiving ability information of receiving end) is stored at the Internet facsimile apparatus (which is transmitting to the receiving end).

However, such contention entirely ignores the fact that since the delivery confirmation message is output by the receiving end in Tanimoto, the determination of whether to output such message is made at the receiving end, and the delivery confirmation message is ***NOT triggered by a condition that the destination name (or receiving ability information of the receiving end) is stored at the transmitting Internet facsimile apparatus.*** Stated another way, the receiving end determines whether the communication mode is one that requires the receiving end to output a delivery confirmation message, and if the communication mode requires a delivery confirmation message, the receiving end outputs a delivery confirmation message.

Further, the claims clearly indicate that the facsimile apparatus having the specific destination name storage section storing the destination names is the very same apparatus that outputs the communication result notification.

On the other hand, in Tanimoto, the transmitting side apparatus stores the receiving ability information of the receiving end (equated in the Office Action to destination name) and the receiving side outputs the delivery confirmation message.

Tanimoto simply does NOT disclose or suggest the aspects of the present application of triggered to output a communication result notification (indicative of a result of a facsimile transmission to a receiving end), by a condition that the corresponding destination name of the receiving end is found in the specific destination name storage section.

The other references, as already discussed in the record, likewise do NOT disclose or suggest such aspects of the present application.

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Applicant submits that the cited art, even when considered along with common sense and common knowledge to one skilled in the art, does **NOT** render unpatentable the above-mentioned aspects of the present application.

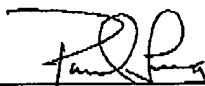
Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, 14 and 24, and the claims depending therefrom, are allowable over the cited art.

In view of the remarks hereinabove, applicant submits that the application is allowable. Accordingly, applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, and to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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